the selected villages are close to the district headquarters which has helped in excecution and monitoring of the programme. Proximity to urban centres has made the supply of inputs and marketing of products somewhat easier.

Funds for Rural Housing Scheme

*313. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally sponsored Rural Housing Scheme launched in different States; and

(b) the details of funds allocated to different States for launching those schemes during the Eighth Five Year Plan; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI YERRAN NAIDU K.) (a) and (b): The Centrally Sponsored Rural Housing Scheme was launched during the year 1993-94 with an objective to strengthen and enhance efforts of the various State Governments to provide housing for the people belonging to weaker sections of the society and those below poverty line living in rural areas. Under the scheme funds were provided to the State Governments to the extent of 50% of the total allocation made by them since 1992-93. Financial details of the scheme are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House (*see* below). The scheme has since been merged with the Indira Awas Yojana.

Statement

Under the Centrally Sponsored Rural Housing Scheme assistance of Rs. 12,000 was provided for construction of new houses, Rs. 6,000 for upgradation of houses and Rs. 2,700 for development of sites and services such as sanitary latrine, smokeless chulah, drainage and other essential civic amenities. Participation of beneficiaries in development, upgradation and construction of their own houses to the minimum extent of 10% of the cost was insisted upon. Under the scheme, central share of subsidy was limited to 45% of the unit cost, as stated above, and Central assistance at the rate of Rs. 5,400 for construction of a new house, Rs. 2,700 for upgradation of house and Rs. 1,350 for sites and services was provided.

To streamline the various schemes being implemented by the Ministry, the Centrally Sponsored Rural Housing Scheme has been merged with the Indira Awas Yojana w.e.f. 1.1.96.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Rural Housing Scheme, during 1993-94 an amount of Rs. 11 crores has been released to various States as under:—

1. Bihar	700.00 lakhs
2. Gujarat	176.00 lakhs
3.. Orissa	206.50 lakhs
4. Tripura	15.00 lakhs
5. Rajasthan	2.50 lakhs
	1100.00 lakhs

During the year 1994-95, an amount of Rs. 30.00 crores have been released as per the details given below:—

1. Rajasthan	133.90 lakhs
2. Tamil Nadu	15.00 lakhs
3. Himachal Pradesh	8.38 lakhs
4. Karnataka	770.90 lakhs
5. Orissa	397.75 lakhs
6. Andhra Pradesh	292.59 lakhs
7. Tripura	100.00 lakhs
8. Gujarat	495.10 lakhs
9. Jammu & Kashmir	11.16 lakhs
10. Maharashtra	5.50 lakhs
11. Kerala	769.72 lakhs
	3000:00 lakhs

Higher Equity to National Grid Corporation of U.K. in PGC of India

*314. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Grid Corporation of U.K. wants a 70% equity in the

Power Grid Corporation of India, if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard;

(b) whether the said proposal is likely to entail a reduction in the PGC holding by 26 to 30 per cent;

(c) whether Government are considering this proposal;

(d) whether the proposal is unacceptable to Government; if so, the reasons for which the same is being considered; and

(e) the States which have entered into power purchase agreements with the U.K. firm alongwith their reaction on the raised equity of the U.K. firm to 70%?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received by the Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of the above.

(e) National Grid, UK has not entered into any Power Purchase Agreement with any State/State Electricity Board.

Award of Ratna-R Series Oilfields to Essar Premier Oil Combine

*315. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the award of Ratna-R series discovered oilfields to the Essar Premier Oil Combine was a pre-determined exercise on the part of the technical evaluation committee and the empowered committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said pre-determined action of the two committees has cost the Government over US $ 500 million;

(c) if so, whether any pay-offs were involved; and

(d) if so, whether the CBI has been ordered to enquire into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

मध्य प्रदेश की लंबित जल प्रदाय योजनाएं

*316. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारत सरकार के पास, मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गई बीस हजार से कम जनसंख्या वाले नगरों की जल-प्रदाय योजनाएं, स्वीकृति हेतु लंबित हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितनी योजनाएं कब-कब से लंबित हैं; और

(ग) उपर्युक्त योजनाओं को कब तक स्वीकृति दे दी जाएगी?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० यू० वेंकटेस्वरलू): (क) और (ख) बीस हजार से कम आबादी वाले शहरों के लिए सुलभ जल आपूर्ति कार्यक्रम के तहत मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तुत 45 स्कीमें मंजूरी हेतु लंबित हैं। उपर्युक्त में से 43 स्कीमें 1995-96 में 2 स्कीमें 1996-97 में प्राप्त हुईं।

(ग) इस कार्यक्रम हेतु 8वीं योजना में नियत 50.00 करोड़ रुपये की राशि में से मध्य प्रदेश का हिस्सा 7.85 करोड़ रुपये है। स्कीमों की लागत केन्द्र तथा राज्य सरकार के बीच 50:50 के अनुपात में वहन करनी होती है, इस प्रकार मध्य प्रदेश के लिए मंजूर की जाने वाली स्कीमों की कुल लागत 15.70 करोड़ रुपये बैठती है। उपर्युक्त की तुलना में, मध्य प्रदेश में 36.05 करोड़ रुपये की लागत वाली 51 स्कीमें पहले ही मंजूर की जा चुकी हैं। अतिरिक्त स्कीमें मंजूर करना, पहले जारी धनराशि के उपयोग और 1996-97 के दौरान तथा 9वीं योजना में धन की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा।